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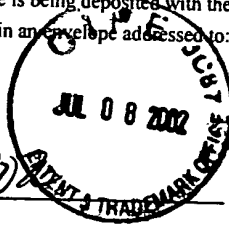
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Skeiky *et al.*

Application No.: 09/688,672

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: FUSION PROTEINS OF
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

Art Unit: 1645

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 29, 2002, please amend the application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from April 29, 2002 to July 29, 2002, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 29-55, 56-79, and 80-104 without prejudice to subsequent survival.

Please amend claim 25 as follows.